

File No. 26050 Continued.

1 - That the word "run" be inserted between the words "to" and "cars" on line 14 of Page 1 of the Ordinance.

As to this suggestion we find that the omission of the word "run" was a mistake on the part of the engrossing clerk, which has been corrected by him.

2 - That the third line from bottom on Page 3 be changed to read "50¢ per lineal foot of track", instead of "50¢ per foot".

I do not think that there is any force in this suggestion. The use of the word "foot" or "feet" without qualification in dealing with the construction of the railroad track is understood to mean lineal foot or feet, and could have no other meaning. There might be some difference of opinion as to whether or not lineal feet meant lineal feet of total trackage or lineal feet of single trackage, but this is fully covered by the provisions in the ordinance that the franchise charge shall be paid according to the number of feet as calculated by the Highways Engineer.

3 - The third line on the last sheet should read "Baltimore and Lombard Streets" instead of "Baltimore and Bond Streets".

This error in the Ordinance resulted from a communication to the Board of Estimates by Mr. Wiegardt, in which he suggests the following amendment to the original Ordinance:-

"The passage of this Ordinance not to affect the agreement entered into by the City and the United Railways & Electric Company in January, 1918, in reference to the removal of the single tracks in Albemarle and High Streets between Baltimore and Bond streets".

In amending the Ordinance, when it came to our office from the Board of Estimates, we incorporated Bond Street, as used by Mr. Wiegardt, instead of Lombard Street, to which the agreement refers. This objection to the Ordinance can be cured by a letter from the United Railways & Electric Company addressed to the Mayor, in which the United Railways Company should state that they understand that this is a typographical error and that the passage of the Ordinance will in no way be taken or construed to interfere with the agreement